



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Nathan Phillips Square Revitalization Timelines

Date:	June 13, 2012
To:	Government Management Committee
From:	Chief Corporate Officer
Wards:	27 - Toronto Centre-Rosedale
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SUMMARY

This report responds to the Government Management Committee's request that staff provide an itemized schedule for the scope of capital projects being done at Nathan Phillips Square (NPS). The information contained in this report identifies completed, current and planned project elements for the Nathan Phillips Square Revitalization Project and related capital projects planned for NPS.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Corporate Officer recommends that:

1. The Government Management Committee receive this report for information.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications arising from this report. The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held on May 24, 2012, Government Management Committee received a report (May 9, 2012) from the Chief Corporate Officer titled "Maintaining City Hall and Nathan Phillips Square" for information, and requested staff to report to the Government Management Committee meeting on June 27, 2012, with an itemized timeline for the scope of capital projects being done at NPS. The link to the staff report and Government Management Committee's decision is available at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2012.GM14.2> .

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the Government Management Committee meeting held on May 24, 2012, Facilities Management staff made a presentation on the Nathan Phillips Square Revitalization Project. At the same meeting, the Committee considered a staff report titled "Maintaining City Hall and Nathan Phillips Square", which outlined cleaning and maintenance practices for City Hall and NPS, and highlighted the State of Good Repair capital projects that have been implemented in the past, are currently underway and are planned for the coming years. The Committee requested staff to report back with an itemized timeline on all the capital projects taking place at NPS.

COMMENTS

Overview

Nathan Phillips Square is Toronto's premier public space and civic gathering place, a leading tourist attraction for the City and a national and provincial landmark. Revitalizing NPS is a priority for the City in its efforts to beautify and restore its public spaces and make Toronto a cleaner, greener and more beautiful city.

When the City launched an international design competition in 2006 to revitalize NPS, it was recognized that some areas of NPS were underdeveloped and underutilized. Also, over the years, many of its structures and facilities had fallen into a state of disrepair, some had been closed and some no longer met the needs of current users and programs. Modern-day modifications were needed to meet the new functional requirements of NPS and enable the hosting of a greater number and variety of public activities and special events on the Square.

The Nathan Phillips Square Revitalization design includes: a new rooftop garden on the City Hall podium roof; a new public skate pavilion and concession building; a larger and enhanced Peace Garden at a new location in the western landscaped area of the Square; children's playground equipment replacement; a seasonal disappearing water fountain featuring jets in the centre of NPS; a new permanent theatre stage structure with a roof canopy; a redesigned landscape around the edges of the Square and west side; a variety of

sustainable design achievements linked to Toronto’s Green Standard; a new free-standing restaurant; and upgrading the existing concrete block building at the corner of Queen and Bay Streets.

The implementation of the Nathan Phillips Square Revitalization Project is being phased to accommodate the various activities and events taking place on the Square on an ongoing basis.

Project Elements and Completion Timelines

Table 1 below identifies the main elements of the Nathan Phillips Square Revitalization Project and timelines for their completion:

Table 1 –Nathan Phillips Square Revitalization Project Elements and Timelines

Project Element	Scheduled Completion
City Hall Podium Roof Garden	Complete
Skate Pavilion and Concession Building	Complete
New Northwest Laneway	Complete
Children's Playground Equipment Replacement	Complete
Existing Peace Garden Removal	Complete
Disappearing Fountain Jets	July 2012
Trash Compactor Building	July 2012
Theatre Stage	October 2012
Mechanical and Electrical Support Infrastructure	November 2012
Relocated Peace Garden	October 2013
Landscaping – West Quadrant	December 2013
Landscaping – Queen Street	December 2013
Queen & Bay St. Elevator Building Upgrade	July 2014
Parking Garage Stairs Upgrades	July 2014
New Restaurant*	2014
*Not part of current NPS Revitalization Project	

Table 2 below lists two separate capital projects taking place on NPS at the same time as the larger revitalization project, and the timelines for their completion:

Table 2 – Other Nathan Phillips Square Capital Projects

Project	Scheduled Completion
Reflecting Pool/Ice Rink Rehabilitation	November 2012
Ceremonial Ramp Rehabilitation	October 2013

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